Mr. Mike Powell
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Dear Mike,

You may have no control over it but it is shameful to continue to publish Meachum's rotten and ill-intended atrocities.

It has become quite unfair, if the result of what is intended as fairness, to delay for so long any effort to try to tell the truth to your readers.

Aside from what I've sent you I've written, with the usual haste, several things I mailed to myself to show how easy it is to call the shots on him because he does not intend honesty and because he does say and you print the first thing that pops into his mind.

I'll send them to you with the dated envelopes still sealed in a while.

I do think that today's column raises substantial ethical questions because he repeats what has been called to his attention as lies. He has had ample time to show they are not lies and he hasn't.

I suggest that this now involves the integrity of the papers.

They know he lied and today they repeat what he hasn't even denies are lies.

This is no longer the mere expression of a privileged opinion.

I ask you to ask yourself if it will not be unfair to delay considering use of the enclosed for a couple of week.

I think it should appear promptly and hope you'll agree.

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg